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Mr. Thomas A. Tunney
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Twenty Exchange Place
New York 5, New York

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Departure from this pattern, while unusual, is not prohibited. After receiving his commission, your son can apply to The Adjutant General, Career Management Division, stating his special qualifications and desire for Intelligence specialization. I am sure that his request will receive full consideration in accordance with its merits.

I hope that this information will be helpful in making your son's service productive and beneficial to his career.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Deputy Director

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March 12, 1952

Mr. Allen W. Dulles,
1308 29th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Before explaining the purpose of this letter, perhaps it would be well to refresh your memory as to my identity. It has been my pleasure to meet you on two or three occasions in the office of Messrs. Sullivan & Cromwell through my association with the European Mortgage Bank Protective Committee, of which I am a member representing the Schroder interests.

A few days ago, I telephoned to my friend "June" Merrill to ascertain the location of your headquarters, and he was kind enough to give me your address.

My son, Thomas A. Tunney, Jr., is twenty-one years of age and in June of this year will graduate from Fordham University. Concurrently he expects to be commissioned in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery, having completed the four year R.O.T.C. training program.

For the past two years, he has been keenly interested in being transferred to one of the Intelligence branches of the Army, particularly the Counter-Intelligence Corps, subsequent to being commissioned. To date he has been unable to obtain definite information concerning the necessary requirements and the procedure to be followed in order to effect such a transfer. It occurs to me that with your broad contacts in Army circles you might be good enough to suggest the name of an officer, either here or in Washington, who would be in a position to give accurate information to my son with respect to the Counter-Intelligence Corps. Assuring you that such information will be very greatly appreciated, I am

Sincerely yours,

Thomas A. Tunney

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